



**77th Independence Day**  
"TODAY, WE HAVE DEMOGRAPHY, DEMOCRACY AND DIVERSITY"

Toward Human-centric Globalisation, Governance Growth

From Divide & Rule to Unite & Serve

PM Modi launches **Mission LIFE**  
On 20th October, 2020



Embassy of India, Zagreb

# Newsletter



## The Largest Democratic Festival on the Planet



**GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024**  
Unprecedented Scale, Unmatched Anywhere in the World

**Lok Sabha Election 2024**  
543 Constituencies | Counting on June 4

- Phase 1: April 19
- Phase 2: April 26
- Phase 3: May 7
- Phase 4: May 13
- Phase 5: May 20
- Phase 6: May 25
- Phase 7: June 1

**Magnitude**  
GE 2024: World's Biggest Electoral Exercise

- ~97 crore registered voters
- ~10.5 lakh polling stations
- ~1.5 crore polling officials & security staff
- ~55 lakh EVMs
- ~4 lakh vehicles

Elections conducted:  
17 General Elections,  
400+ State Assembly,  
16 Presidential,  
16 Vice presidential  
A "Gold Standard"

India announced its 6-week-long general elections will start on April 19. Voting in the world's largest democracy will stretch over seven phases, with different states voting at different times and results will be announced on June 4. Over 970 million voters — more than 10% of the world's population — will elect 543 members for the lower house of Parliament for a term of five years. Each election phase will last one day and several constituencies — spread across multiple states, densely populated cities and far-flung villages — will vote that day. The staggered polling allows the government to deploy tens of thousands of troops to prevent violence and transport electoral officials and voting machines. India has a first-past-the-post multiparty electoral system in which the candidate who receives the most votes wins. Meanwhile, systematic checks are being conducted across states towards election readiness.

It is estimated that the total number of polling stations will increase from 10.36 lakh in 2019 to 11.8 lakh in 2024. The number of voters is also expected to rise from 90 crore in 2019 to above 95 crore. Both factors will impact security considerations. The phasing of elections will also depend on the same. The 2019 poll was held in seven phases against the nine phases of 2014.





### Qualitative Leapfrog

Outcomes of last 11 State elections

- Peaceful, violence-free polls
- Reduced court cases
- Near zero repolls
- Enhanced seizures
- Reducing campaign clutter
- Quick action on fake news



### Diverse Mosaic of Electorates

~96.8 Cr. Total Electors

- ~49.7 Cr. Male
- ~47.1 Cr. Female
- ~88.4 Lakhs PwD
- ~1.8 Cr. First time voters (18-19)
- ~19.1 Lakhs Service Electors
- ~82 Lakhs 85+ age voters
- ~48,000 Transgender
- ~19.74 Cr. Young voters (20-29)
- ~2.18 Lakhs Centenarians

### Every Voter Counts

Wherever they are!



### Sentinels of Democracy

Whatever it Takes!  
We walk an extra mile, so you don't have to




PS in a shipping container, in Alibet, Bharuch, Gujarat



World highest PS, Tashigang, HP



A remote hamlet of Malogam, Arunachal Pradesh with one voter



First time PS in Chandameta, Bastar, Chhattisgarh



PS in Chettialathoor, Kerala inside Wayanad Wild Life Sanctuary



PS setup in the scattered Islands in Dumbur Lake, Tripura




### Challenges

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### Muscle

Breaking the grip- Eliminating muscle power



- Adequate CAPF deployment
- 24x7 Integrated control room In districts
- Webcasting in sensitive booths (min. 50% of total PS)
- Full Compliance
  - Execute pending NBWs
  - Surrender of arms
  - Surveillance of History Sheeters
- Network of check posts across the country
- Drone-based checking at borders

### Money

Exponential increase in seizures in last 11 State Assembly Elections (2022-23 vs 2017-18)

Total ~Rs. 3400 Cr. 835% ↑

Rajasthan ~704 cr. <b>951%</b>	Telangana ~778 cr. <b>506%</b>	Gujarat ~802 cr. <b>2847%</b>	Tripura ~45 cr. <b>2439%</b>	Chhattisgarh ~78 cr. <b>1142%</b>
Nagaland ~50 cr. <b>1063%</b>	Madhya Pradesh ~332 cr. <b>898%</b>	Himachal Pradesh ~57 cr. <b>534%</b>	Karnataka ~384 cr. <b>358%</b>	Meghalaya ~74 cr. <b>6295%</b>
			Mizoram ~123 cr. <b>2695%</b>	

### Misinformation

Verify before you amplify



- Political parties advised to ensure responsible Social Media behavior
- Originators of fake news to be dealt with severely as per extant laws
- Section 79 (3)(B) of the IT Act empowers nodal officers in each state to remove unlawful content
- Curtail fake narratives - SOP for Quick Response against fake news
- Proactive Communication on fakes- Myth vs Reality on eci.gov.in

## Space Technology for Humanity



ISRO has achieved a major milestone in the area of Reusable launch vehicle (RLV) technology, through the RLV LEX-02 landing experiment, the second of the series, conducted at Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga in Karnataka today morning at 7:10 hrs IST.

After the RLV-LEX-01 mission was accomplished last year, RLV-LEX-02 demonstrated the autonomous landing capability of RLV from off-nominal initial conditions at release from Helicopter. The RLV was made to undertake more difficult manoeuvres with dispersions, correct both cross-range and downrange and land on the runway in a fully autonomous mode. The winged vehicle, called Pushpak, was lifted by an Indian Airforce Chinook helicopter and was released from 4.5 km altitude. After release at a distance of 4 km from the runway, Pushpak autonomously approached the runway along with cross-range corrections. It landed precisely on the runway and came to a halt using its brake parachute, landing gear brakes and nose wheel steering system.

This mission successfully simulated the approach and high-speed landing conditions of RLV returning from space. With this second mission, ISRO has re-validated the indigenously developed technologies in the areas of navigation, control systems, landing gear and deceleration systems essential for performing a high-speed autonomous landing of a space-returning vehicle. The winged body and all flight systems used in RLV-LEX-01 were reused in the RLV-LEX-02 mission after due certification/clearances. Hence reuse capability of flight hardware and flight systems is also demonstrated in this mission. Based on the observations from RLV-LEX-01, the airframe structure and landing gear were strengthened to tolerate higher landing loads.

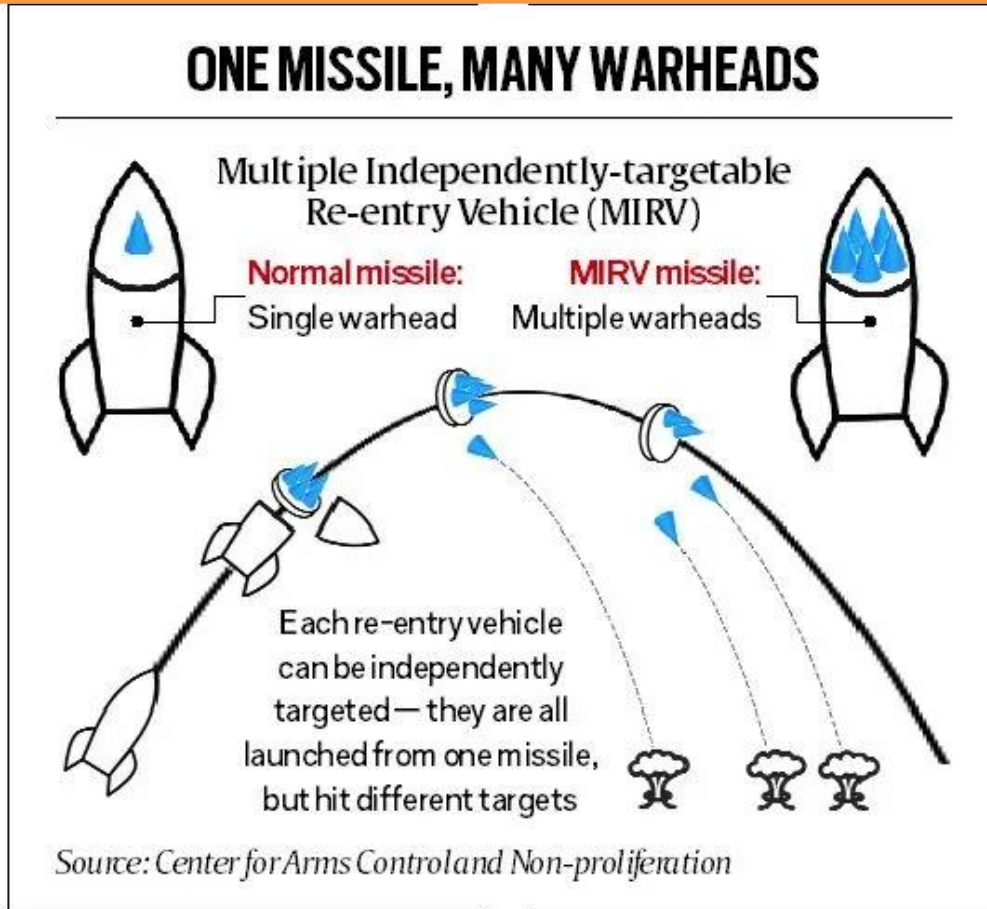
The mission was accomplished by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) along with the Liquid Propulsion System Centre (LPSC) and the ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU). Collaboration from various agencies including IAF, ADE, ADRDE and CEMILAC contributed to the success of this mission. Shri S Somanath, Chairman, ISRO / Secretary, DOS, congratulated the team for the flawless execution of this complex mission. On the success of the landing experiment, Director VSSC Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair mentioned that through this repeated success, ISRO could master the terminal phase manoeuvring, landing and energy management in a fully autonomous mode, which is a critical step towards the future Orbital Re-entry missions.

The team was guided by Shri Sunil P, Programme Director, Advanced Technology and Systems Programme, VSSC. Shri J Muthupandian, Project Director, RLV was the Mission Director and Shri B Karthik, Deputy Project Director, RLV was the Vehicle Director for this mission.

For the success of this experiment, ISTRAC provided tracking support, SAC provided a Pseudolite system and a Ka-band Radar Altimeter, LPSC offered all pressure sensors on the wing body, IISU provided navigation hardware/software and an integrated solution. Metrological and wind measurement support was provided by SDSC-SHAR, and URSC offered ground power support.



## Defence Technology for Strong Self-Reliant Bharat



India has successfully conducted its first test flight of a domestically developed missile that can carry multiple warheads. The missile is equipped with multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles. Agni is a long-range missile developed indigenously by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO. The family of Agni missiles has been in the arsenal of the Indian armed forces since the early 1990s. Underlining the significance of the test, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced it himself in a congratulatory message for Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), much like he had done five years ago when India had carried out an anti-satellite test.



Proud of our DRDO scientists for Mission Divyastra, the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology,” Modi said in a message posted on ‘X’.

## Thematic Tourism Choices in India

# DEKHO APNA DESH PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2024

BY MINISTRY OF TOURISM



"Whether it is music or food, art or culture, the diversity of India is truly majestic. From the high Himalayas to dense forests, from the dry deserts to beautiful beaches, from adventure sports to meditation retreats, India has something for everyone."

**Narendra Modi**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister

We welcome you to participate in 'Dekho Apna Desh, People's Choice 2024' a tourist destination poll by the Ministry of Tourism. Participants can input their favorite tourist attractions into five defined categories that align with their preferences. It's mandatory for participants to select at least one attraction they have already visited from any of the five categories and choose at least one attraction that they wish to visit in the future. The winning attractions identified will enable the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India to develop attractions and destinations in mission mode, contributing to India's journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047

Choose your favorite tourist attractions across various categories as part of Dekho Apna Desh, People's Choice 2024

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Spiritual



Cultural & Heritage



Nature & Wildlife



Adventure



Other

VOTE NOW



## New India at work in diverse sports arenas

### Asian Indoor Athletics Championships 2024

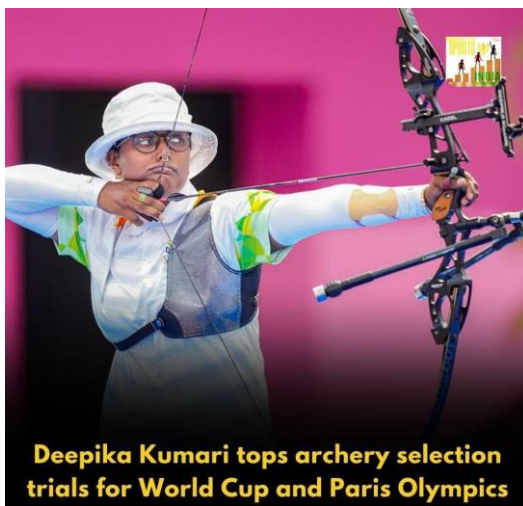


**Harmilan Bains wins 1500m GOLD** with a timing of 4:29.55

### Nishant Dev Enter Quarterfinal , win Away from ticket to Paris Olympics



**Nishant Dev secures a 5:0 Unanimous Win over Christos Karaitis of Greece and moves to Quarterfinals of the Men's 71kg category.**



**Deepika Kumari tops archery selection trials for World Cup and Paris Olympics**

### Satwik Reddy / Chirag Shetty won Double title at French Open , first title of 2024



**Satwik Reddy & Chirag Shetty beat Lee Jhe-huei / Yang hsuan (TPE) by 21-11 21-17 to win their second French open title**



## Impressions of Familiarization Visit to New India by two Croatian Media representatives



A delegation comprising 22 Journalists from 13 countries of Central Europe, including from Croatia Mr. Miodrag Sajatović, weekly magazine Lider and Mr. Mladen Miletić, Daily newspaper Poslovni Dnevnik, were visiting India as part of their Familiarisation Programme organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

### Indians adopt fintech faster than anyone else, perform daily transactions like the USA in three months, and are increasingly led by women

Author: Mladen Miletić, March 26, 2024 at 10:00 p.m. 0 comments



Invest India in which they presented the results of the development of the startup community in the past eight years/Mladen Miletić

### India's Leadership has Vision, Knowledge and Courage



It Miodrag says: Sajatovic

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A seven-day working visit to India could have convinced European journalists of the country's progress. Colleagues who were in New Delhi ten years ago testify that even then, on the way from the airport to the residential area, a bunch of homeless people were sleeping on the sidewalks. Now they are no longer there. This does not mean that they are not there elsewhere. Extreme poverty still exists in parts of the cities. But the impression is that things are changing

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Media coverage locally on India

Gospodarski procvat Površinom najveći Rajasthan učvrstio je poziciju druge najbrže rastuće indijske države

Rajasthan - indijska prijestolnica zelene energije i turističko žarište

Rajasthan je evoluirao od povijesno slabije razvijene države do istaknutog giganta u raznim industrijama

Rajasthan, površinom najveća indijska država, postigla je impresivnu stopu rasta BDP-a od 11.04 posto, čime je osigurala svoju poziciju druge najbrže rastuće indijske države. Ovi gospodarski skok slijeđeni dinamičnim pomak u polje...



Zahvaljujući obilju sunca, Rajasthan je vodeća indijska savezna država u proizvodnji solarne energije

Ova savezna država, poznata kao zemlja maharadža, srednjovjekovnih utvrda, palača, tigrova i sarehnih festivala, nedavno je učestvovala u poziciju najvećeg ekonomskog i ITES, petrokemija, obnovljiva energija, tekstilna industrija i druge.

Najveća solarna elektrana Zahvaljujući solaranom potencijalu i više od 325 sunčanih dana u godini, Rajasthan je vodeći proizvođač obnovljive energije u Indiji. Ima najveći instalirani kapacitet solarne proizvodnje od preko 18.08 GW...

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Turizam kao tradicionalni sektor Rajasthan je oduvijek bio među najbogatijima u Indiji. Upravo se prilikom pandemije COVID-19 i u samom početku 2023. privukao je gotovo 182 milijuna turista, što je porast od 50% u usporedbi s godinom ranije.

Industrije u nastajanju Rajasthan ima ukupno četiri IT parka koji se nalaze u Jaipuru, Kota, Jaipuru i Udaipuru. U Jaipuru je tzv. indijskoj 'silikonskoj dolini' u samom početku 2023. privukao je gotovo 182 milijuna turista...



Nova Mahal palača jedan je od simbola Indije



Rajasthan je u prošlosti godinama privukao više od 352 milijuna turista



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'Srce Indije' Kroz drugu najveću indijsku državu prolaze ključni koridori sjever-jug i istok-zapad

Madhya Pradesh: indijsko agrikulturno središte na strateškoj lokaciji

Madhya Pradesh vodi je proizvodnja žitarica, mahunarki, uljarka, povrća i povrća u najvećem broju država koje proizvodi dijamante

Madhya Pradesh drugi je najveća indijska savezna država i dom je više od 100 milijuna ljudi, što je u samom središtu Indije pa se populacijom naziva 'Srce Indije'.

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Povijesno gledano, Indija je bila glavni dobavljač gotovih sirovina i poluproizvoda na globalnom tržištu, održavajući taj status sve od orkida dijamanta u Južnoj Africi 1896. Rudnik dijamanta u Madhya Pradeshu, smješten u okrugu Panna, proširio se na površini od 80 km, a riječ je o potpuno neeksplozivnom rudniku koji koristi najnoviju tehnologiju za vađenje dijamanta.

Nadolazeće velike investicije O atraktivnosti ove indijske savezne države među investitorima svjedoče i Regionalna industrijska konvencija, održana u Jaipuru početkom ožujka, koja je usvojila priložnu investicijsku prijedlogu vrijedne više od 12 milijardi američkih dolara. Među njima se izdvajaju PepsiCojev prijedlog za ulaganje 151 milijun američkih dolara u poslovne centre i tvornice u Jaipuru, a prema ovoj je saopćeno da će se otvoriti dodatna tvornica za proizvodnju dodatnih 200 milijardi američkih dolara u razne sektore, kao što su proizvodnja električne energije, reverzibilne hidroelektrane, proizvodnja cementa i drugi.

Koridor New Delhi - Mumbai Madhya Pradesh ima više od 100 milijuna stanovnika, sedam pamećnih gradova i 13 predložbenih greenfield industrijskih područja

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Indore, grad u najrjeđe stanovita u Madhya Pradeshu, nedavno je po sedmi put zaredom proglašen najbogatijom u Indiji te nagradu Swachh Survekshan nagradom koju dodjeljuje svjetska i to zahvaljujući dobru planiranom sustavu gospodarenja otpadom. Prvih četiri najbogatije Swachh Survekshan je potvrdio uspjeh sudjelovanja građana te podizanje svijesti u oblasti održivog razvoja i kače i gradovi postaju boljim i bogatijim mjestima za život



Integrirani razvojni i karbonski centar (ICCC) u Indoru nastoji analizirati podatke i razne uloge od gospodarenja otpadom do vodoravne i uspravljane prometne, čime je Indore postao jedan od lidera među pametnim gradovima



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Trčci na svijetu Indijski jednorzci imaju ukupnu vrijednost veću od 350 milijardi američkih dolara

Indijska startup revolucija: više od 120.000 startupova i jednorzoga u manje od desetljeća

Jedno od najznačajnijih postignuća ovog rasta je stvaranje radnih mjesta, a procjenjuje se da ih je 2023. stvoreno oko 8 milijuna

Indijski startup ekosustav u posljednjih je nekoliko godina doživio temeljnu transformaciju te postao treći na svijetu po veličini s više od 120.000 startupova i impresivnim brojem od čak 114 jednorzoga, čija je ukupna vrijednost već od 350 milijardi američkih dolara. Ove se godine obilježava osma obljetnica pokretanja ključne inicijative pod nazivom 'Startup India', a koja je dala snažan vjetar u leđa gospodarstvu.

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Start-up prijestolnice Ključne države indijske startup scene uključuju Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh i Gujarat. Karnataka je vodeća po broju startupova u aerospacijama i tehnologijama, dok Maharashtra iče u IT, automobilskoj industriji, finitci, zdravstvu i robotici. Uttar Pradesh je vodeći u sektoru tekstila i odjeće, a Delhi se smatra središtem po pitanju ulaganja u tehnologiju i ljudski resurs. Što se tiče nauke, Bengaluru, Mumbai i New Delhi su vodeći startup središta zajedno sa dom za

Novost u azijskim zemljama, među kojima i Indija, su nove karte umjetne inteligencije za rješavanje problema u stvarnom svijetu. Zbog novostih trenda koje karte umjetne inteligencije za rješavanje problema u stvarnom svijetu. Zbog novostih trenda koje karte umjetne inteligencije za rješavanje problema u stvarnom svijetu.

Top 10 AI startupova u Indiji Sredini od deset jednorzoga u svijetu nastao je u Indiji

Stvaranje poticajnog okruženja Ključ uspjeha bilo je pokretanje inicijative pod nazivom Startup India prije osam godina koja je dala snažan vjetar u leđa gospodarstvu

Proaktivni pristup Značajnim ulaganjima u obrazovanje i obuku nude rješenje za globalni izazov

Indija postaje svjetska prijestolnica ljudskih resursa

U silikonskoj dolini. Američki indijski podrijetla čine otprilike 65% radnika u IT-u. Ujedinjenom Kraljevstvu, Indijski predstavljaju najveći udio u ukupnoj radnoj snazi

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Infographic titled '7 GODINA SKILL INDIA INICIJATIVA' showing growth in skill development, employment, and investment. It includes a map of India and a list of top 10 skill development states.



## Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

### India will be a world leader in AI: PM Modi

Prime Minister Modi applauded the enthusiasm of Indian youth at the conclusion of the three-day long Startup Mahakumbh. The PM spoke about the government's support and initiatives that are designed to foster innovation and startups in the country. He highlighted the pace at which AI has grown in India and mentioned a few examples of how he himself has used this technology. "Today, we are in a new era connected by AI technology. Our job is to not let this opportunity pass...National Quantum mission, AI mission and semiconductor mission will open doors to new possibilities for India's youth," Modi said.

### Fitch improves India's FY25 GDP forecast to 7%

Fitch Ratings has revised India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast upward for the ongoing and the next financial year, anticipating the economy will sustain its robust expansion. In its March Outlook report, the rating agency disclosed that it now expects India's real GDP for FY25 to grow by 7%, marking a 0.5% point upward revision. Fitch predicts a growth rate of 7.8% in FY24 and 7.0% in FY25 for India, which are significant upward revisions. Recently, the Indian government revised the GDP growth forecast for FY24 to 7.6% from the previous 7.3%. Fitch anticipates that domestic demand, notably investment, will be the primary growth driver in India, buoyed by sustained business and consumer confidence. Fitch's forecasts predict that short-term growth will exceed the economy's estimated potential, with growth rates moderating towards the trend in FY25. Real GDP is expected to rise by 6.5% at that time.

### India to manufacture semiconductor equipment soon: IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

At the inauguration of Applied Materials' US\$ 20-million-dollar facility in Bengaluru, India's minister for IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, stated that it will not be long before semiconductors are manufactured entirely in the country. Components previously imported from countries like Taiwan and Japan will now be made in the Applied Materials facility in Bengaluru. This facility will be the first in India to process 300 mm wafers commercially. This is a big step in the right direction as until now, the processing of only 200 mm wafers has been undertaken commercially in the country. Similarly, other crucial pillars of the semiconductor manufacturing infrastructure are being established in India. Micron has begun the construction of its ATMP centre, while LAM Research has started implementing its proposal to train Indian semiconductor engineers through its Semiverse Solutions. The IT minister said the Indian Institute of Science has commenced its first training course with 35 students. The minister stated that the inauguration of the Applied Materials facility in Bengaluru marks the fulfilment of all four agreements made during the Honourable Prime Minister's state visit to the US.

### Apple's ambitious push for double-digit market share in India

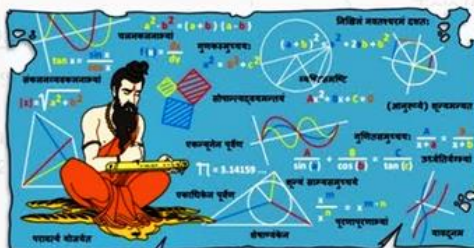
Apple is ramping up efforts to secure a double-digit market share in India's smartphone arena, aiming to surpass its current 7% foothold. Intensified focus on India comes amidst a slowdown in key markets like the US and China, with India emerging as Apple's second-largest manufacturing hub. Although many iPhones manufactured in India are exported, the domestic market is experiencing robust growth, surpassing 38% annually. Tim Cook, Apple's CEO, has lauded India as an "incredibly exciting market," with the company achieving record revenue. Despite ranking sixth in India's smartphone market in 2023, with shipments exceeding 10 million units and a nearly 7% market share, Apple remains a revenue leader alongside Samsung.





## Did you know about the Origins of Mathematics from India?

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Algebra, Trigonometry and Calculus are studies, which originated in **India**.

The techniques of trigonometry, algebra, algorithm, square root, cube root, negative numbers, and the most significant decimal system are concepts which were discovered by Indian mathematicians from ancient India and are employed worldwide even today. The word Geometry seems to have emerged from the Sanskrit word *gyaa-miti* which means "measuring the Earth". The word Trigonometry is like *tri-kona-miti* meaning "measuring triangular forms". Euclid is credited with the invention of Geometry in 300 BCE while the concept of Geometry in India emerged in 1000 BCE, from the practice of making fire altars in square and rectangular shapes. The treatise of Surya Siddhanta describes amazing details of Trigonometry, which was introduced to Europe 1200 years later in the 16th century by Briggs. All Hindu as well as Buddhist mandalas and yantras are complex forms of Geometrical shapes. Bhaskaracharya otherwise known as Bhaskara is probably the most well-known mathematician of ancient India today. Bhaskara wrote his famous Siddhanta Siroman in the year 1150 A.D. It is divided into four parts; Lilavati (arithmetic), Bijaganita (a treatise on algebra), Goladhyaya (celestial globe), and Grahaganita (mathematics of the planets). An Arabic Scholar Al Zabar translated Bhaskara's work Bijaganita from Sanskrit. It was later known as Algebra in European languages. From India, the sine function was introduced to the Arab world in the 8th century, where the term *jya* was transliterated into *jiba* or *jyb*. Early Latin translations of Arabic mathematical treatises mistook *jiba* for the Arabic word *jaib*, which can mean the opening of a woman's garment at the neck. Accordingly, *jaib* was translated into the Latin *sinus*, which can mean "fold" (in a garment), "bosom," "bay," or even "curve." Hence our word "sine." The word "Algorithm" was supposed to be pronounced "Al-Khwarizmi", which was the name of an eminent 9<sup>th</sup>-century Arab scholar, who played important roles in imparting knowledge on arithmetic and algebra from India to the Arabs. In his work, *De numero indorum* (Concerning the Hindu Art of Reckoning), it was based presumably on an Arabic translation of Brahmagupta where he gave a full account of the Hindu numerals which was the first to expound the system with its digits 0,1,2, 3,...,9 and decimal place value which was a fairly recent arrival from India. The new notation came to be known as that of al-Khwarizmi, or more carelessly, algorismi; ultimately the scheme of numeration making use of the Hindu numerals came to be called simply algorism or algorithm. [Source](#).



## Strengthening People-to-People Ties between India & Croatia

The Annual Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation - ITEC alumni get-together (ITEC Day) was held on the 26th of March with former ITEC course participants. Several presentations on the experience of the capacity-building platform renewed the already established strong bonds between the ITEC alumni & India. Ambassador Srivastava once again offered the latest insights on New India which is driven by Human-centric approach of development and is offering key cooperations and capacity-building programs, which would only increase in the coming decade. During the meeting, Ms. Vesna Ratković, the former lecturer of the Croatian language at Delhi University presented her experiences & read a poem on her emotional bond with India. [LINK](#).

Ambassador Srivastava visited the India corner at ŠPUD to praise the works of the young artist who took part in the Exhibition »Creating Bridges Through Art« held in the Technical Nikola Tesla from the 24th of January, until the 16th of February. Some of the artworks were integrated into the special poetry book Bharat, a presentation of 30 poems translated into Hindi from the Croatian poetry book "Slon Siroče" written by the first Ambassador of Croatia to India, Drago Štambuk. The Work of Art by Young Hearts was organized in partnership with the Embassy of India, Zagreb, the dedication of mentors and students of the School of Applied Art and Design in Zagreb (ŠPUD), and the support of the Technical Museum of Nikola Tesla and the Croatian-Indian Friendship Society. The now, over 175 entries of artistic expression including images and impressions of India that come to the minds of young artists from Croatia is a tremendous effort and milestone for future generations of our two countries.

Embassy of India, Zagreb and Open University Zagreb organized the well-attended lecture by Ambassador Srivastava on Contemporary India: Politics & Economy: "A Story on Human Centric Governance, Growth & Globalisation and about the Forthcoming Parliamentary Elections in India". The presentation highlighted India's civilisational heritage as the foundation for its current Human-Centric approach towards governance.

The Ambassador interacted with the attendees, which included diplomats, students and Friends of India and shared the data & details on how the transformation that is taking place in India into a democratically, demographically, & digitally empowered nation is ensuring inclusive & sustainable green growth. The successful growth journey of India in the next 25 years would create positive value for the whole planet as India is driven by the thought of "World is one Family".









## Celebration of the International Women's Day



The Celebration of the International Women's Day with the theme "Inspire Inclusion" at Napredak Culture Centre partnering with Croatian Indian Society was held on the 8th March with the keynote speech by Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, 4th President of the Republic of Croatia, who emphasized that the society can only reach progress with inclusion of woman, which is influencing positively prosperity and economics, praising efforts of the Government of India in taking initiatives and reaching milestones which are already influencing the rest of the world. Ambassador Srivastava explained several initiatives of the Gol in his short presentation on "Role of Women in India's Transformational Journey in the next 25 years" which included the efforts of last decade showing great results in inclusive sustainable growth being witnessed in India. In the next 25 years, women will contribute their might in making India a frontline state by 2047 when India celebrates its 100th year of Independence, concluded the Ambassador. While Dorotea Šušak, Director of the Center for Women Studies, also praised India's progress in minimizing the gender gap. Lastly, the president of the Joginder Singh-Nijjar President of the Croatian-Indian Society also welcomed & thanked the guest in this well attended gathering.





## India in Dubrovnik



**11th-13th March**  
**India in Dubrovnik**  
at Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik  
Sun Pramo Bulice 4, Dubrovnik

**11th March (18.00 HRS. - 19.30 HRS.)**  
**"Bridging Science & Spirituality"**

Speech by Mato Franković, Mayor of The City of Dubrovnik  
Speech by Raj Srivastava, Ambassador of India "Science & Spirituality" an Indian Perspective  
Lecture by Prof. Ivo Orlic, independent researcher "Bridging Science & Spirituality"

**12th March (18.00 HRS. - 19.30 HRS.)**  
**CHES LOVERS TOURNAMENT**  
at Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, Sun Pramo Bulice 4, Dubrovnik  
"An evening of Indian music" with jazz maestro Zoran Majstorović

**13th March (18.00 HRS. - 19.30 HRS.)**  
at Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, Sun Pramo Bulice 4, Dubrovnik  
"An Evening of Meditation, Yoga and Ayurveda"



The inauguration of the 2nd edition of "India in Dubrovnik" which is celebrated from the 11th-13th March with 3C's (Conversations, Culture, & Chess) saw an evening of Conversation on the topic „Bridging Science with Spirituality “. Ambassador Srivastava noted that Science & Spirituality both connect the microscopic & macroscopic realities, both try to make sense of human experience & physical reality. The bridge between “Science and Spirituality could transform the human experience and enhance Peace, Progress and Prosperity on our planet. Ambassador Srivastava also explained the ancient Indian schools of philosophies which provided both scientific & spiritual paths to explore the truth and fulfill the human potential living beyond five senses. Meanwhile prof. Ivo Orlic, an independent researcher gave his view on the topic through a presentation searching for links between natural and spiritual laws. The Law of Correspondence is a metaphysical principle that connects physics and life, visible and invisible, material, and immaterial. For example, the physical law of action and reaction, metaphysicians recognize as a reflection of the deeper spiritual law of cause and effect, just as they recognize that other physical concepts such as flow, energy, inertia, or force are as applicable to humans as they are to nature. Prof Orlic presented the struggles of Physics in explaining the theory of small which from particle physics has shifted to quantum physics where deterministic models of 20th century no more work, and probability & possibility determine the outcomes till observations are made. This unique week of India in Dubrovnik is partnered by the Croatian-Indian Friendship Society Dubrovnik, City, Tourism Board, University & Inter University Centre Dubrovnik, Croatian Chess Federation and the Embassy of India, Zagreb.





## *India in Dubrovnik*



A good mix of young & old, amateur & experts, women & men, girls & boys participated in the chess tournament held as part of the 'Days of India in Dubrovnik'. The event was opened by The Mayor of the City of Dubrovnik Mato Frankovic and Ambassador Srivastava. "India Days in our city bring us something new every year, I am glad that this year it is chess and that there are so many young people here interested in this skill, which always requires a lot of concentration and thinking a few steps ahead", said Mayor Franković. Ambassador Srivastava highlighted the origins of chess in India and it's growing popularity among young Indians populating the global leaderboards. Croatian Grandmaster Alojzije Jankovic also spoke about the Croatian Chess Federation's efforts to make chess more popular in Croatia.



## **Playing on the frequency of the universe**



The 2nd day of the "India in Dubrovnik" celebration saw a performance by jazz maestro Zoran Majstorović, playing on the frequency of the universe. The performance depicted India's Raga music with different string instruments, as music creates bridges between people without the need for a common language. The performance was attended by Ambassador Srivastava and by members of the India-Croatian Friendship Society Dubrovnik and Friends of India.



## Holi Festival at India House



The Embassy of India, Zagreb in cooperation with the Croatian Indian Society welcomed the spring on the occasion of the Holi Festival at India House with distinguished guests from the diplomatic corps, Friends of India and the Croatian representative Lucija Begić for the 71st Miss World pageant which was recently held in India. Ambassador Srivastava noted that these gatherings are bringing people together from all walks of life and therefore better connecting India and Croatia. The event was also marked with a Kathak performance and Musical intermezzo by the Hspd Sljeme Šestine Zagreb. The attendees enjoyed a variety of Indian Cuisine and a live demonstration of making Indian Naan in tandoor.



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